

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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1. **Name**: State full name (include any former names used).

Lindsay Clayton Jenkins (née Lindsay Carole Clayton)

2. **Position**: State the position for which you have been nominated.

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Cooley LLP
110 North Wacker Drive, Suite 4200
Chicago, Illinois 60606

4. **Birthplace**: State year and place of birth.

1977; Cleveland, Ohio

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

1999 – 2002, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University; J.D.
(*summa cum laude*), 2002

1995 – 1998, Miami University of Ohio; B.S., 1998

6. **Employment Record**: List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2021 – present
Cooley LLP
110 North Wacker Drive, Suite 4200

Chicago, Illinois 60606
Partner

2006 – 2021

United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois
219 South Dearborn Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Chief, Criminal Division (2019 – 2021)
Chief, Violent Crimes (2018 – 2019)
Chief, General Crimes (2016 – 2018)
Deputy Chief, Public Corruption and Organized Crime (2015 – 2016)
Deputy Chief, Violent Crimes (2013 – 2015)
Deputy Chief, Narcotics and Gangs (2011 – 2013)
Deputy Chief, General Crimes (2011)
Assistant United States Attorney (2006 – 2021)

2004 – 2006; 2001 – 2002

Jones Day
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114
Associate (2004 – 2006)
Law Clerk (2001 – 2002)
Summer Associate (2001)

2002 – 2004; Summer 2000

United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
801 West Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
Law Clerk for the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. (2002 – 2004)
Extern (uncompensated) (Summer 2000)

1999

Central Electric Supply Company (now defunct)
Administrative Assistant

1999

Meridia Medical Group (now defunct) of the Cleveland Clinic Health System
Intern

Teaching Affiliations

2019 – present

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
375 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Adjunct Professor

2016 – present
Loyola University of Chicago School of Law
25 East Pearson Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Adjunct Professor

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

I did not serve in the military. I was not required to register for the selective service.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow (2021)

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Top 50 Exceptional Women Lawyers Award (2021)

Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, Commendation (2017)

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Commendation (2016)

Chicago Crime Commission Award for Law Enforcement Excellence (2016, 2012)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. (2020 – present)

Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter (2020 – present)
Board Member (term expires 2023)

Inn of Court, Chicago Chapter (2020 – present)

Inn of Court, William K. Thomas Chapter, Cleveland, Ohio (2004 – 2006)

Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2020)

Women's White Collar Defense Association (2022 – present)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

Ohio, 2002
Illinois, 2009

There have been no lapses in membership.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2007

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

The Chicago Network (2019 – present)

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, First-Year Law Student Mentor (2020 – present)

Cleveland Summer Legal Academy, Founding Member, Cleveland, Ohio (2004 – 2006)

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (1997 – present)

Edward J. Lewis II Lawyers in the Classroom Volunteer (2021 – present)

Lawndale Community Academy, Mock Trial Instructor (2013 – 2016)

Legal Prep Charter Academy, Classroom Volunteer and Mentor (2019 – present)

The Links, Incorporated, Chicago (IL) Chapter (2020 – present)

- b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

The Chicago Network, The Links, Incorporated, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated are international public service or professional networking organizations that extend membership only to women. To the best of my knowledge, none of the other organizations listed above discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity or sexual orientation, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. **Published Writings and Public Statements:**

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

None.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

None.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

None.

- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the

date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

April 11, 2022: Guest Speaker, Legal Writing, Leadership, Experiential Learning, Advocacy, and Professionalism III – Litigation course, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

March 17, 2022: Panelist, Black Law Students Association, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for law students about the importance of clerkship opportunities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is 375 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

March 15, 2022: Guest Speaker, Advanced Legal Reasoning course, “Sentencing in Practice, Part III: Who’s Got the Power?,” Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. The presentation was on federal sentencing practice in light of *Alleyne v. United States*, 570 U.S. 99 (2013), and various Attorney General memoranda issued to federal prosecutors. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is 375 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

February 11, 2022: Panelist, Leadership Greater Chicago Class of 2021, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was on Chicago’s violence epidemic based on my experiences as a federal prosecutor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Leadership Greater Chicago, 205 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

February 8, 2022: Interview, Edward J. Lewis II Lawyers in the Classroom interview series, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=np-KEEpSk>.

October 20, 2021: Panelist, “Business Development and Relationship Building for Diverse Attorneys and Allies.” Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was on pathways to leadership in the legal profession with a focus on business development and relationship building for diverse attorneys. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter is P.O. Box 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

September 27, 2021, June 8, 2021, and February 8, 2021: Guest Speaker, Extern and Law Clerk Speaker Series. United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois. Each presentation was a question-and-

answer discussion with law clerks and externs working for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals based on my experiences as a federal prosecutor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois is 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

May 19, 2021: Panelist, "What About Our Children? Advocating for Differently Abled Children." Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Erie Shores, Ohio Chapter. The panel was on effective advocacy on behalf of special needs children, with a particular emphasis on autism spectrum disorders and anxiety disorders. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage supplied. The address for Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Erie Shores, Ohio Chapter is P.O. Box 24336, Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124.

March 3, 2021: Guest Speaker, Advanced Legal Reasoning course, "Sentencing in Practice, Part III: Who's Got the Power?," Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. The presentation was on federal sentencing practice in light of *Alleyne v. United States*, 570 U.S. 99 (2013), and various Attorney General memoranda issued to federal prosecutors. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is 375 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

September 16, 2020: Panelist, Black Women Lawyers' Association, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was on career opportunities for minorities in the legal profession. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of the Black Women Lawyers' Association is 321 South Plymouth Court, Suite 600, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

May 29, 2018: Panelist, "Guns: Prosecution, Defense, and Adjudication of Firearms Cases," Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, Criminal Practice Program, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was a question-and-answer session discussing issues raised by firearms cases prosecuted in Chicago. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter is P.O. Box 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

April 12, 2018: Panelist, "The Next Generation of Women Trial Lawyers; May It Please the Court: Symposium on Women Lawyers in the Courtroom." United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was on women trial lawyers, how each gained her trial experience and strategies for becoming first chair at trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois is 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604. The address for the Chicago Bar Association is 321 South Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

April 30, 2016: Guest Speaker, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois. The presentation was on federal jury trials with a focus on a criminal jury trial I tried in 2013. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Chicago Law School is 1111 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

April 13, 2016: Panelist, "Sentencing Workshop: Trial Judges and Lawyers Tackle the Issues," Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, Federal Criminal Practice Program, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was a question-and-answer session with district court judges and criminal practitioners from the Northern District of Illinois about best sentencing practices. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter is P.O. Box 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

March 30, 2016: Panelist, Supervisors Roundtable, National Black Prosecutors Association, Chicago, Illinois. The presentation was a question-and-answer session for minority prosecutors who aspire to supervisory roles in their respective offices. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National Black Prosecutors Association is 1507 East 53rd Street, Suite 108, Chicago, Illinois 60615.

April 2, 2015: Guest Speaker, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois. The presentation was on the types of cases prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office and my experiences as a prosecutor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for DePaul University College of Law is 25 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

2013 to 2019 (specific dates unknown): Panelist, Project Safe Neighborhood "parolee" and "Violence Reduction Strategy" forums, Chicago, Illinois. The presentations were on firearm crimes and violence reduction initiatives and I participated in my capacity as a supervisor in the United States Attorney's Office. I participated in a forum on at least twelve occasions at locations on the west and south sides of Chicago such as churches, park district auditoriums and city colleges. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

November 8, 2006: Guest Judge, Moot Court Night, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio. I served as a guest judge for the school's moot court competition. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is 1801 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

August 26, 2006: Guest Speaker, Midwest National Black Law Students Association Minority Recruitment Conference, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio. I participated in a panel discussion on interviewing, job search skills, and professional development. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is 1801 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

Accomplished federal prosecutor joins Cooley in Chicago, cooley.com, Dec. 6, 2021. Copy supplied.

Patrick Smith, *Cooley adds former federal prosecutor in Chicago*, American Lawyer, Dec. 6, 2021. Copy supplied.

Roy Strom, *Cooley grows Chicago trial team with former federal prosecutor*, Bloomberg Law, Dec. 6, 2021. Copy supplied.

David Thomas, *Cooley adds federal prosecutor to fast-growing Chicago ranks*, Reuters, Dec. 6, 2021. Copy supplied.

Eugene Mullins guilty on all but 1 charge in Cook County corruption trial, ABC7 Chicago News (Sep. 18, 2013). Video available at <https://news.yahoo.com/video/eugene-mullins-guilty-1-charge-215600465.html> (my segments are 1:29 to 1:35 and 2:07 to 2:15).

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

I have not held judicial office.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? _____
- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
- jury trials: _____%
- bench trials: _____% [total 100%]
- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
- civil proceedings: _____%
- criminal proceedings: _____% [total 100%]
- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a

capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.
- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.
- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.
- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
- i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

I have not held judicial office.

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;

- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

15. **Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:**

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

None.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

None.

16. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

- i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

From 2002 to 2004, I clerked for the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

- ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I have not practiced law alone.

- iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each;

2004 – 2006
Jones Day
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Associate

2006 – 2021

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Chief, Criminal Division (2019 – 2021)
Chief, Violent Crimes (2018 – 2019)
Chief, General Crimes (2016 – 2018)
Deputy Chief, Public Corruption and Organized Crime (2015 – 2016)
Deputy Chief, Violent Crimes (2013 – 2015)
Deputy Chief, Narcotics and Gangs (2011 – 2013)
Deputy Chief, General Crimes (2011)
Assistant United States Attorney (2006 – 2021)

2021 – present

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Partner

- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

From 2002 to 2004, I served as a judicial law clerk, assisting with research, writing, and drafting legal opinions. After my clerkship, I was an associate at Jones Day from 2004 to 2006, where I worked primarily on commercial litigation, and government and internal investigations related to corporations represented by the firm. I assisted with document review, depositions, pretrial discovery matters, and with research and writing legal memoranda. I also worked on several *pro bono* matters related to federal habeas petitions filed by prisoners. While at Jones Day, my work was almost exclusively civil.

From 2006 to 2021, I served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. For the first five years, I worked in the General Crimes, Narcotics and Gangs, and Public Corruption and Organized Crime Sections, handling all aspects of criminal investigation and prosecution including grand jury proceedings, discovery matters,

pretrial motion practice, trials and post-trial motions, sentencing, and appeals. I prosecuted a wide variety of federal crimes that increased in complexity over time, including violations of drug and firearm laws, fraud crimes, conspiracies, gang investigations, civil rights violations, child exploitation, and corruption crimes. During this time, my work was entirely criminal.

Beginning in 2011, I served in a number of supervisory roles including Deputy Chief in the General Crimes Section, Deputy Chief in the Narcotics and Gangs Section, Deputy Chief in the Violent Crimes Section, and Deputy Chief in the Public Corruption and Organized Crime Section. I continued to carry my own caseload while supervising other attorneys in each of these Sections.

From 2016 to 2018, I served as Chief of the General Crimes Section. From 2018 to 2019, I served as Chief of the Violent Crimes Section. In these roles, I was responsible for giving final approval for the filing of criminal charges and proposed plea agreements, and offering guidance to Deputy Chiefs, Assistant United States Attorneys and law enforcement agencies concerning prosecution strategies, reactive investigations, and case resolution.

In November 2019, I became Chief of the Criminal Division, where I oversaw all criminal prosecutions in the United States Attorney's Office. In this role, I reported to the United States Attorney. The General Crimes, Narcotics and Money Laundering, Violent Crimes, Financial Crimes, Securities and Commodities Fraud, National Security and Cybercrime, Criminal Appellate, Public Corruption, and Organized Crime Sections as well as the Rockford Branch Office, comprising nearly 150 Assistant United States Attorneys, all reported to me. I was responsible for setting and updating the Office's prosecution policy, plea negotiation policy, and related criminal procedural policies in consultation with the United States Attorney. I consulted with Department of Justice components as well as other United States Attorneys' Offices on a wide variety of matters. I participated in the hiring process for the Criminal Division. I was responsible for considering requests for alternative dispositions including declinations, dismissals, deferred prosecution, and pre-trial diversion, including the district court's pre-trial diversion program, Sentencing Options that Achieve Results (SOAR).

In 2021, I joined Cooley LLP as a partner. My practice includes civil and criminal work, including representing clients in need of criminal defense, primarily in white collar matters and internal investigations.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

Since joining Cooley LLP, my clients have been individuals and organizations. I specialize in white collar litigation, commercial litigation, and internal investigations.

As an Assistant United States Attorney, I represented the United States in criminal prosecutions at every stage of litigation, from investigation through post-conviction proceedings.

At Jones Day, I primarily represented corporations in internal investigations and other civil litigation matters.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

Since returning to private practice in 2021, approximately 80 percent of my practice has involved internal or government investigations and approximately 20 percent of my practice has involved litigation. The proceedings are predominately civil in nature. I have not yet appeared in court.

From 2006 to 2021 as an Assistant United States Attorney, I frequently appeared in court. In addition to appearing before the United States District Court, I have also occasionally appeared before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. When I became a supervisor, I appeared in court less frequently, though I served as lead counsel for the government on a few matters.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts:	100%
2. state courts of record:	0%
3. other courts:	0%
4. administrative agencies:	0%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings:	15%
2. criminal proceedings:	85%

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I have tried 14 cases to verdict or final decision, all in the Northern District of Illinois. All of these matters were with at least one other Assistant United States Attorney. I have presented oral argument in 11 appeals before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury: 90%
 - 2. non-jury: 10%

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have never practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

- 1. *United States v. Picardi*, No. 16 CR 431 (N.D. Ill.) (Durkin, J.), reported in 950 F.3d 469 (7th Cir. 2020) (Rovner, Scudder, St. Eve, JJ.)

In 2016, while working at O'Hare International Airport as an officer for the United States Customs and Border Protection service (CBP), Mr. Picardi stole \$5,000 in cash from an international traveler who arrived in Chicago from Hong Kong. The traveler, who did not speak English, alerted other CBP officers to the theft, prompting a lengthy search for the money. Mr. Picardi was charged with one count of embezzlement by an officer of the United States. I was assigned to the case after the lead prosecutor left the U.S. Attorney's Office. I helped prepare the case for a jury trial. I delivered the opening statement, conducted the direct examination of several witnesses, and presented the government's rebuttal argument. Mr. Picardi was convicted and later sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and a fine. I co-authored and argued the opposition to Mr. Picardi's post-trial motion, and I handled the sentencing briefing and hearing before the district court. Mr. Picardi appealed the imposition of a fine and the appeal was dismissed. I was not counsel for the government on appeal.

Date of Representation: 2017 – 2019

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2. *United States v. Byrd-Bennett et al.*, No. 15 CR 620 (N.D. Ill.) (Chang, J.), reported in 892 F.3d 273 (7th Cir. 2018) (Wood, Rovner, Hamilton, JJ.)

The former Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools (CPS), Ms. Byrd-Bennett, used her official position to steer multimillion-dollar CPS service contracts to her former employers. While serving as the chief executive of CPS, Ms. Byrd-Bennett concealed her continued financial interest in SUPES Academy, an education consulting company owned by co-defendants, Mr. Solomon and Mr. Vranas. Ms. Byrd-Bennett steered the contracts in exchange for kickbacks to be paid following her employment with CPS. The defendants were charged with conspiracy, mail, wire and honest services fraud, as well as bribery. I, along with co-counsel, worked on all aspects of grand jury and pre-trial practice, including interviewing witnesses, preparing search warrants, and managing criminal discovery. All defendants pled guilty. I assisted in the preparation of the government's sentencing memoranda. Ms. Byrd-Bennett was sentenced to 54 months' imprisonment. Mr. Vranas was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. Mr. Solomon was sentenced to 88 months' imprisonment. Mr. Solomon appealed his sentence and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed. I was not counsel for the government on appeal.

Date of Representation: 2015 – 2017

Co-Counsel:

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3. *United States v. Brown*, No. 14 CR 674 (N.D. Ill.) (Kendall, J.), reported in 871 F.3d 532 (7th Cir. 2017) (Flaum, Rovner, Sykes, JJ.)

Mr. Brown, a Chicago Police Department officer, handcuffed, punched, kicked, and choked a store employee while investigating a tip that drugs were being sold inside a convenience store. After Mr. Brown was charged with deprivation of civil rights by use of excessive force, I was assigned as co-counsel for the government. Prior to trial, I drafted and argued several pre-trial motions and responses. At trial, I conducted the direct examination of numerous witnesses, I cross-examined several of Mr. Brown's witnesses and I also delivered the closing argument. After a week-long trial, the jury convicted Mr. Brown of the civil rights charge and acquitted him of falsifying reports he submitted following the incident. I co-drafted and argued the opposition to Mr. Brown's post-trial motion. The motion was denied and Mr. Brown was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The conviction was affirmed on appeal; I was not counsel for the government on appeal.

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4. *United States v. Dillard*, No. 13 CR 442 (N.D. Ill.), 2015 WL 5139407 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 26, 2015) (Darrah, J.) reported in 692 F. App'x 287 (7th Cir. 2017) (Ripple, Manion, Rovner, JJ.)

I served as lead counsel in the investigation and prosecution of Mr. Dillard for a controlled substance offense involving more than 15 kilograms of cocaine. I investigated the case, developed the trial strategy, and drafted and argued the government's response to discovery and pre-trial motions, including the opposition to Mr. Dillard's motion to suppress, which was denied. At trial, I was the lead prosecutor on the case where I presented the government's opening statement, conducted the direct examination of numerous witnesses, and delivered the rebuttal argument. After a week-long trial, the jury convicted Mr. Dillard. I drafted and argued the opposition to Mr. Dillard's post-trial motion. The motion was denied and Mr. Dillard was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. I handled the sentencing briefing and hearing before the district court. I argued the appeal, and the Seventh Circuit affirmed the conviction.

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5. *United States v. Pu et al.*, No. 11 CR 699 (N.D. Ill.) (Norgle, J.), reported in 814 F.3d 818 (7th Cir. 2016) (Bauer, Kanne, Williams, JJ.)

Two quantitative analysts stole trade secrets in the form of computer source code shortly before resigning their positions with two high-frequency trading firms. The defendants were charged with wire fraud, unlawful possession and transfer of trade secrets, and obstruction of justice for attempting to dispose of the stolen code in a sanitary canal. I joined the case as co-counsel after indictment and prepared the case for trial. I co-drafted and argued several pre-trial motions and responses to motions, and I prepared numerous witnesses to testify at trial. Just prior to trial, both defendants pled guilty. Mr. Uppal was sentenced to three years' probation and Mr. Pu was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Mr. Pu appealed the district court's loss calculation at sentencing and the Seventh Circuit agreed, vacating his sentence and remanding for re-sentencing. I was not counsel for the government on appeal.

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6. *United States v. Mullins et al.*, No. 12 CR 596 (N.D. Ill.) (St. Eve, J.), reported in 800 F.3d 866 (7th Cir. 2015) (Posner, Rovner, Williams, JJ.), *United States v. Croall et al.*, No. 14 CR 483 (N.D. Ill.) (Wood, J.)

I was the lead prosecutor investigating a series of kickback schemes orchestrated by Cook County employees. In *U.S. v. Mullins*, Mr. Mullins was charged with fraud and bribery related to his position as Cook County Director of Public Affairs. Mr. Mullins steered no-bid service contracts to four associates, all of whom were charged in this case. In exchange for more than \$34,000 in cash, Mr. Mullins arranged for his co-defendants to be paid by Cook County without having to perform any work. I was the lead prosecutor at trial and briefed and argued several pre-trial motions. I delivered the opening statement, conducted the direct examinations of several witnesses, including the testimony of several cooperating co-defendants. I cross-examined Mr. Mullins and several of the witnesses he called at trial. I also delivered the rebuttal argument on behalf of the government. A jury convicted Mr. Mullins of three counts of wire fraud and four counts of bribery. Mr. Mullins was sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment. He appealed his conviction, and I argued the appeal. The Seventh Circuit affirmed.

Similarly, in *U.S. v. Croall*, Mr. Croall was the director of a Cook County disaster relief program funded by a multimillion-dollar federal grant. Mr. Croall steered a series of contracts to several associates including Mr. Ford and accepted more than \$300,000 in bribes and future employment from them. Mr. Croall was charged with wire fraud and bribery and pled guilty to bribery. Mr. Croall was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Mr. Ford pled guilty to conversion of government funds and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. I represented the government at the change of plea hearings and handled the sentencing briefing and hearings.

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7. *United States v. Greer et al.*, No. 09 CR 696 (N.D. Ill.) (Norgle, J.), reported in 494 F. App'x 633 (7th Cir. 2012) (Easterbrook, Posner, and Rovner, JJ.)

For more than five years, two brothers known as “the Flores twins,” operated an international drug trafficking network that distributed several thousand kilograms of

cocaine and hundreds of kilograms of heroin throughout the Chicago area and elsewhere. I was a member of a team that investigated the brothers' wholesale narcotics customers, which resulted in more than ten indictments of their largest customers, including the case against Mr. Greer and Mr. Cathey, who were charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine. Prior to trial, Mr. Greer pled guilty and was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. I represented the government at the change of plea hearing, and I handled the sentencing hearing.

Mr. Cathey proceeded to trial before a jury. I delivered the opening statement, conducted several direct examinations, including the direct examination of a cooperating witness, and I delivered the rebuttal argument on behalf of the government. I assisted with the sentencing hearing for Mr. Cathey, who was sentenced to 97 months' imprisonment. I argued the appeal, and the conviction was affirmed.

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8. *United States v. Brown et al.*, No. 08 CR 1009 (N.D. Ill.) (Dow, J.), reported in 724 F.3d 801 (7th Cir. 2013) (Easterbrook, Posner, and Williams, JJ.)

For more than five years, two brothers known as “the Flores twins,” operated an international drug trafficking network that distributed several thousand kilograms of cocaine and hundreds of kilograms of heroin throughout the Chicago area and elsewhere. I was a member of a team that investigated the brothers' wholesale narcotics customers, which resulted in more than ten indictments of their largest customers, including the case against Mr. Brown and Mr. Rowe who were charged with conspiracy to possess cocaine. Prior to trial, the district court ordered separate jury trials for each man.

At each trial, I conducted direct examinations of several witnesses and I delivered the closing arguments. I conducted the cross-examination of Mr. Brown at his trial. I assisted with responding to post-trial motions and I assisted with the sentencing hearings. Mr. Brown was sentenced to 197 months' imprisonment and Mr. Rowe was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. I argued the appeal, and the Seventh Circuit affirmed the conviction.

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9. *United States v. Glenn*, No. 08 CR 1058 (N.D. Ill.) (Zagel, J.)

Through his real estate development companies, Mr. Glenn perpetrated a \$13 million dollar bank fraud scheme against two regional banks by causing them to issue land and construction loans premised upon false documents. Mr. Glenn created and submitted dozens of forged lease agreements, rent rolls, and letters of intent to secure financing for the development of commercial retail centers. I was the lead prosecutor on the investigation. I worked with co-counsel and federal investigators to interview witnesses, develop the trial strategy, and present extensive testimony and evidence to a grand jury. Mr. Glenn was charged with four counts of bank fraud. I handled all aspects of pre-trial practice, including managing criminal discovery. Mr. Glenn died while the case was pending before the district court.

Dates of Representation: 2007 – 2009

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10. *United States v. Thompson et al.*, No. 07 CR 263, (N.D. Ill.) (Pallmeyer, J.), reported in 665 F.3d 786 (7th Cir. 2011) (Ripple, Manion, Sykes, JJ.), *reh'g and reh'g en banc denied*, 671 F.3d 664 (7th Cir. 2012)

I was a member of the team that investigated and prosecuted Mr. Thompson, a high-ranking member of the Gangster Disciples street gang who ran a heroin, cocaine, and marijuana operation on the south side of Chicago. Mr. Thompson and six co-defendants were intercepted over wiretaps and DEA agents made several controlled purchases of crack cocaine and heroin from some of the defendants. Six defendants pled guilty and one defendant, Mr. McKnight, proceeded to trial. I co-authored and argued several motions *in limine*. At trial, I conducted the direct examination of several witnesses and delivered the closing argument. The jury convicted Mr. McKnight and he was sentenced to 300 months' imprisonment. He appealed his conviction. I was counsel for the government both on appeal and for a petition for a rehearing *en banc*, which was denied.

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18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

I spent the last decade of my career in various supervisory positions with the United States Attorney's Office, where I have supervised hundreds of cases in a strategic and advisory capacity rather than as counsel of record. For instance, I had immediate supervisory responsibility for *U.S. v. Robert Kelly et al.*, 19 CR 567 (N.D. Ill.), which charged Grammy award winning recording artist and record producer R. Kelly and two of his former employees with child pornography offenses, conspiracy to obstruct justice, and several counts of sexual exploitation of minors ranging in age from 13 to 17 years old. My immediate responsibilities in that case included coordination of related cases charged in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. In my role as Criminal Chief, I also oversaw the deferred prosecution agreement arising out of an eight-year bribery scheme by the largest electric utility in Illinois. *U.S. v. Commonwealth Edison Company*, 20 CR 368 (N.D. Ill.). I also supervised a related case, *U.S. v. McClain et al.*, 20 CR 812 (N.D. Ill.), which

charged four individuals with bribery offenses in connection with the scheme, including Commonwealth Edison's chief outside lobbyist and former CEO. My supervisory roles also allowed me to offer guidance and advice to colleagues including on non-routine matters and emerging areas of criminal practice.

Beginning in early 2020, I assisted the United States Attorney with all aspects of the United States Attorney's Office's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This included developing new office safety protocols, implementing guidance on a variety of health and safety related issues for all employees and visitors, and adapting to the changing landscape of public health recommendations. My responsibilities in this area also included efforts to ensure safe continuation of grand jury operations, supervising compliance with the District Court's General Orders for criminal cases during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and implementing procedures for compliance with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub. L. No. 116-136, § 15002(b)(1)(F), 134 Stat. 281, 528 (2020), particularly with respect to pleas and sentencing under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and 32.

I have never performed any lobbying activities or registered as a lobbyist.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

Chicago's Gun Violence Epidemic (Fall 2019, Spring 2022), Northwestern Pritzker School of Law: I teach this law and public policy course with two other adjunct professors. This was a new class offering for the Fall 2019 semester and was offered for the second time for the Spring 2022 semester. The course is intended to take a comprehensive look at Chicago's longstanding gun violence epidemic. The course addresses the impact gun violence has had on Chicago's south and west sides by considering the history of violence in Chicago, the roles of government, law enforcement, the criminal justice system, social services organizations, philanthropy, and the business community. The course is intended to foster thoughtful dialogue among students, faculty and guest lecturers and explore long-term solutions. Representative syllabus provided.

Trial Practice I and Trial Practice II (2016 – present), Loyola University Chicago: I have routinely taught both of these courses with at least one other adjunct professor. Classes are held in courtrooms at the Richard J. Daley Center, the Dirksen Federal Building, and at the law school. Both courses follow a lecture and demonstration format, followed by student performance and instructor critique, all designed to strengthen trial advocacy skills. The primary performance areas include: (a) case analysis and strategy; (b) direct and cross examination; (c) objections and impeachment; (d) foundation for admitting evidence; and (e) jury addresses. Trial Practice II builds upon these skills with an additional emphasis on: (f) motions *in limine*; (g) expert testimony; and (h) refreshing recollection and witness rehabilitation. Both courses conclude with half-day jury trials. Representative syllabus copies for both courses provided.

20. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits**: List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

None to my knowledge, except for any compensation I will or may receive upon departing, or following my departure from, the Cooley LLP partnership.

21. **Outside Commitments During Court Service**: Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

None.

22. **Sources of Income**: List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

When my nomination is formally submitted to the Senate, I will file my Financial Disclosure Report and will supplement this Questionnaire with a copy of that Report.

23. **Statement of Net Worth**: Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest**:

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

If confirmed, I would follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and all other applicable principles covering recusal. I would anticipate recusal from any matter in which I ever played a role while at the United States Attorney's Office or at Cooley LLP. I would also recuse myself from any case involving Avison Young, where my spouse is employed. I would also evaluate other conflicts or relationships that might give rise to the need for recusal on a case-by-case basis, seeking to determine the appropriate action for any real or potential conflicts.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

I would consult and follow the guidance set forth in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, as well as any other relevant canons, statutes, and rules. As appropriate, I would also seek advice and guidance from judicial colleagues, and solicit the views of the relevant parties to determine whether to recuse myself.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

Since joining Cooley LLP, I have participated in one *pro bono* matter involving an indigent defendant in a state court post-conviction appeal. I, along with a team of associates and a partner, represent a defendant in connection with a petition for a writ of habeas corpus before the Wisconsin Court of Appeals (*Northern v. Tegels*, Case No. 2020AP1811-W). The petition was denied in May 2022.

I also participate in certain *pro bono* programs primarily aimed at Chicago Public School students. For example, I am a volunteer with the Edward J. Lewis II Lawyers In the Classroom program sponsored by the Chicago Bar Association where I am assigned to a 7th grade classroom at McPherson Elementary School. Since 2019, I have participated in the Federal Bar Association's lawyer volunteer program at Legal Prep Charter Academy, a high school in Chicago's West Garfield Park neighborhood that offers a law themed curriculum. The program sends lawyers into the classroom to teach on a variety of topics such as the United States Constitution and criminal trials. Separately, I am a mentor to a rising senior at Legal Prep through a school sponsored mentorship program.

Between 2013 and 2016, while employed as an Assistant United States Attorney, I participated in a mock trial program sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office at Lawndale Middle School. Each week for approximately 8 weeks, Assistants visited 8th or 9th grade students at the school to focus on basic trial skills using a mock bank robbery problem. At the conclusion of the program, the students performed a mock trial at the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago.

In 2015 and 2016, I volunteered with the Legal Aid Society's Simple Divorce Program. This program pairs volunteer attorneys with qualifying individuals seeking to dissolve a marriage that is likely to be accomplished by default. After an initial screening by the Legal Aid Society, volunteer lawyers meet with clients to prepare forms for a marriage dissolution. In one case I handled in 2016, I helped the petitioner accomplish service on an out-of-state respondent and accompanied the petitioner to his prove-up hearing, which resulted in an uncontested dissolution of the marriage, all at no cost to the petitioner.

26. Selection Process:

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

In October 2021, Senators Durbin and Duckworth issued a public announcement seeking applicants to fill a vacancy created after a District Judge announced his intention to assume senior status. On October 25, 2021, I submitted my application to the Senators' 12-member Screening Committee. On November 13, 2021, I interviewed with the Screening Committee. On December 1, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Durbin. On December 7, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Duckworth. On December 16, 2021, my name was on a list of seven candidates that Senators Durbin and Duckworth submitted to the White House for its consideration. On February 7, 2022, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since then, I have been in contact with officials at the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On July 14, 2022, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

- b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.